

# MEMORANDUM

**To:** Senate Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs Committee  
**From:** Holly Franz on behalf of Montana Society of CPAs (MSCPA)  
**Subject:** HB 582; Budget and expenditures of Board of Accountancy  
**Date:** April 5, 2013

The license fee for CPAs is \$150 per year. This fee was recently increased to meet the rising costs of the Department of Labor and Industry's (DLI) administration of the Board of Accountancy. The fee increase is reflected in the total license fees for the last five years which were:

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
\$266,052.50	\$263,888.35	\$244,960.00	\$392,730.00	\$416,920.00

Over this same period of time, the Board's payments to the Department of Labor have also increased. The largest expense categories are those related to employee compensation. The employee compensation expenses have increased even with the Board's dedicated staff being reduced from one and one-half positions to one part-time position. The expenditures for employee compensation for the last five years are as follows:

Employee Compensation (includes salaries, benefits, and other compensation)

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
\$142,677.84	\$156,909.41	\$179,443.85	\$191,225.39	\$227,067.32

MSCPA believes the Board of Accountancy can meet its staffing needs and the audit fees under HB 582 without any increase in licensing fees.

The Board of Accountancy's FY 2013 revenues, expenses, and beginning and ending cash balances are attached.

Board of Public Accountants

Beginning Cash

FY 2013	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Totals
259,695.34	253,126.75	218,721.96	150,367.11	145,204.33	273,404.48	410,507.29	445,882.37	425,544.83					259,695.34

Revenues

500000 Licenses & Permits	1,500.00	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 2,025.00	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 161,250.00	\$ 161,220.00	\$ 65,125.00	\$ 2,440.00					
520000 Charges For Services	3,520.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 990.00	\$ 2,450.00	\$ -	\$ 3,490.00	\$ 2,020.00	\$ 1,550.00					
540000 Fines/Forfeits	200.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 775.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 4,425.00	\$ 1,550.00					
550000 Sale Of Documents/Misc/Prop	80.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 120.00					
580000 Grants/Transfers/Misc		\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00										

5,300.00	3,395.00	3,565.00	6,315.00	162,076.00	166,526.00	71,650.00	4,110.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	421,935.00
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Expenses

61100 Salaries	7,613.92	14,177.34	16,493.67	20,890.33	14,776.92	14,720.22	14,774.92	9,650.82					
61300 Other Compensation	0.00	850.00	0.00	0.00	800.00	300.00	1,100.00	0.00					
61400 Employee Benefits	2,887.06	5,515.73	6,249.24	6,200.95	5,366.45	4,897.64	5,387.96	3,490.21					
62100 Other Services	75.11	8,763.01	6,124.10	3,449.97	1,970.97	4,021.56	3,301.29	2,697.35					
62200 Supplies & Materials	23.93	844.34	1,560.92	957.89	832.06	811.35	682.12	642.10					
62300 Communications	0.00	382.20	2,475.90	846.20	614.31	2,320.98	1,488.49	2,707.78					
62400 Travel	0.00	2,004.97	100.46	724.40	1,842.65	560.25	1,897.32	3.40					
62500 Rent	1,182.82	2,493.63	1,230.33	1,204.35	1,207.32	1,209.53	1,068.98	1,075.31					
62700 Repair & Maintenance	0.00	94.77	0.00	238.88	0.00	0.00	17.41	0.00					
62800 Other Expenses	85.75	3,939.50	7,665.23	6,964.81	6,464.17	(519.34)	6,656.43	3,955.57					
68100 Fund transfers	11,868.59	39,055.49	41,919.85	41,477.78	33,874.85	28,322.19	36,374.92	24,222.54					257,116.21

Estimated Projected Ending Cash

253,126.75	218,721.96	180,367.11	145,204.33	273,404.48	410,507.29	445,882.37	425,544.83	(225.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	425,544.83
	1,256.70												1030.7

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**2-15-102. Definitions.** As used in this chapter, the following definitions apply:

(2) "**Agency**" means an office, position, commission, committee, board, department, council, division, bureau, section, or any other entity or instrumentality of the executive branch of state government.

(4) "**Department**" means a principal functional and administrative entity that:

- (a) is created by this chapter within the executive branch of state government;
- (b) is one of the 20 principal departments permitted under the constitution; and
- (c) includes its units.